



Ranger Activities  
July 2005

New River Gorge  
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Join a park ranger for one of our variety of programs, activities, walks, or hikes. Ranger-led activities provide an opportunity to learn more about the natural world that surrounds us, and to discover the history that shaped our culture.

### Visitor Information

#### Canyon Rim Visitor Center

Open Daily, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Telephone: (304) 574-2115

#### Park Headquarters – Glen Jean

Open Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Telephone: (304) 465-0508

#### Thurmond Depot

Open Daily, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Telephone: (304) 465-8550

#### Grandview Visitor Contact Station

Open Daily, 12:00 NOON to 5:00 PM

Telephone: (304) 763-3715

#### Sandstone Visitor Center

Open Daily, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Telephone: (304) 466-0417



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### Ranger on the Rock

From 6:30PM to 7:45PM nightly except Mondays, discuss the superb views from the rim at Grandview and the resources of the New River Gorge. A Ranger has binoculars and brochures to share with those who stop by the Main Overlook for an evening visit and view.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 2

10:00AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort  
10:00AM Life along the Trail - Canyon Rim  
2:00PM Ostenaco, a Native American  
Perspective - Canyon Rim  
2:00PM Gwinn Ridge Hike  
2:30PM Ranger's Choice - Grandview  
3:00PM Hunting Camp - Fayette Station  
5:00PM Mary Draper Ingles - Canyon Rim

#### SUNDAY, JULY 3

11:00AM Life along the Trail – Sandstone  
1:30PM Ostenaco, a Native American  
Perspective - Sandstone  
2:30PM Touch of New River - Canyon Rim  
3:00PM Hunting Camp - Sandstone Falls  
4:30PM Mary Draper Ingles - Sandstone

#### SATURDAY, JULY 9

8:00AM Birding in the Gorge - Thurmond  
10:00AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort  
2:30PM Ranger's Choice - Grandview

#### SUNDAY, JULY 10

2:30PM Touch of New River (Owls)  
2:30PM Ranger's Choice - Grandview

#### SATURDAY, JULY 16

9:00AM Endless Wall Hike  
10:00AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort

#### SUNDAY, JULY 17

2:30PM Touch of New River (Tracks)  
2:30PM Ranger's Choice - Grandview

#### FRIDAY, JULY 22

8:00PM Full Moon Hike - Laing Loop

#### SATURDAY, JULY 23

8:00 AM Birding on the Rim - Canyon Rim  
10:00AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort  
10:00AM Butcher Branch Hike  
2:30PM Ranger's Choice - Grandview

#### SUNDAY, JULY 24

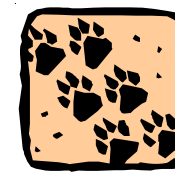
2:30PM Touch of New River (Quilting)

#### SATURDAY, JULY 30


10:00AM Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort  
2:30PM Ranger's Choice - Grandview  
8:00PM Mary Draper Ingles  
at the Fayetteville Theater

#### SUNDAY, JULY 31

2:30PM Touch of New River



**For All Hikes**  
Bring water and wear comfortable walking or hiking shoes. Cameras and binoculars can also be handy.



**Program Descriptions**

**Birding in the Gorge**  
2 hours  
Join Ranger Lewis for a trip to look for our feathered friends throughout the gorge. Bring birding tales and techniques to share with your fellow birders, as well as binoculars, field guides and water. Meet at the Southside Junction parking area in Thurmond.

**Birding on the Rim**  
2 hours  
Join in a walk through different bird habitats. Meet at Canyon Rim Visitor Center to caravan to local birding spots for a leisurely stroll. The variety of birds seen depends on the season, weather conditions, and luck! Wear comfortable shoes and bring drinking water for a morning of fun for both novices and seasoned birders.

**Bluestone National Scenic River Walk**  
1½ hours – 2 miles  
Meet a Ranger at the bottom of the tramway at Pipestem Resort State Park to walk within Bluestone National Scenic River for a mile and return. Along the way, enjoy the flora and fauna of the area and discuss a little regional history. Bring good walking shoes, drinking water, and \$1.50 for the return tram ride.

**Butcher Branch Hike**  
2 hours  
Join Ranger Kristen for a scenic hike along the Butcher Branch Trail. Learn about flora, fauna, and recreation at New River Gorge along the hike. Bring bug spray and guide books; wear good shoes Meet at Kaymoor Top parking area.

**Endless Wall Hike**  
3 hours – 2½ miles  
Join a ranger for a leisurely stroll through the hemlock forest and discover the many different types of plants found there. End your journey at Diamond Point and catch a wonderful view of the New River Gorge. Wear good hiking shoes and bring water. Meet at the Endless Wall parking area off Route 82, the Lansing-Edmond Road.

**Full Moon Hike**  
2 hours – 1½ miles  
Join in a night hike adventure along the Laing Loop Trail and solve some of the mysteries of what is all around you in the dark. Full moons are a special time in the woods. Wear good shoes; bring a flashlight, bug spray, and your sense of adventure. Meet at the Burnwood Day Use Area across from Canyon Rim Visitor Center off US 19, north of the New River Gorge Bridge.

**Gwinn Ridge Hike**  
1½ hours – 2 miles  
Join a Ranger for this hike through a ridgetop field and forest. The variety of habitats makes this area a great place to spot wildlife. The trail has some rocky areas and steep grades; wear hiking shoes and bring drinking water.

**Hunting Camp on the River**  
Find a river bank hunting camp of the 1750s, and talk with costumed interpreters to learn about the Native American way of life at that time. Visit anytime 3:00 - 4:00pm Saturday at Fayette Station on Route 82, or 3:00 - 4:30pm Sunday at Sandstone Falls on River Road.

**Life along the Trail**  
Experience life in the 1750s by visiting an encampment as well as special places along a trail near the visitor center, anytime 10:00am-1:00pm Saturday at Canyon Rim Visitor Center, or 11:00am - 1:30pm Sunday at Sandstone Visitor Center.

**Mary Draper Ingles at the Fayetteville Theater**  
On the day of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her capture by Shawnee warriors, the amazing story of the capture, escape, and 500-mile journey home of Mary Draper Ingles will be presented by living history performer Karen Vuranch.

**Mary Draper Ingles, Caught in the Vortex of the French and Indian War**  
One hour  
Learn about the struggles and conflicts of the 1750s, the personal challenges that Mary faced daily as a frontierswoman, and her escape from captivity and amazing journey home.

**Ostenaco, a Native American Perspective**  
One hour  
Watch a dramatic first person portrayal of this important Cherokee by Doug Wood, who will share information about his culture and life during turbulent times.

**Ranger’s Choice**  
Stop by the Main Overlook area at Grandview anytime between 2:30pm and 4:30pm to see displays and discuss topics ranging from fishing and water safety to birds or snakes. At this informal program, stay as little or as long as you like.

**Touch of New River**  
Join a ranger for a hands-on experience at the Canyon Rim Visitor Center anytime between 2:30 and 4:00pm. Touch a feather, learn a bird song, climb a rock, sit in a kayak, or much more!

**Activity Schedules by eMail**

Would you like to receive our park activity schedule via eMail? If so, request this service by calling Katy Miller at (304) 465-6524 or by sending your name and eMail address to [neri\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:neri_interpretation@nps.gov).

